

» THE LANTERN «

ORLEANS COUNTY ADULT LEARNING SERVICES – LIGHTING THE WAY TO LEARNING

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From the Family Literacy
Coordinator:

OCALS is currently working on developing a relationship with the Holley Elementary School District. We will be meeting soon with the Kindergarten, First and Second grade teachers, during their monthly meetings, to provide them with information about the services we offer. We anticipate that this relationship will help build community awareness about OCALS, and provide us with additional clients as well as potential tutors.

Renee Garnier

OCALS enjoyed the Human Service Council 2009 Joint Meeting held at Elba Fire Hall on Tuesday, March 10, 2009. An excellent presentation was given by Lina LaMattina, Director of GCC Business and Employee Skills Training (BEST) Center. OCALS board representatives, Patricia Hawley and Don & Rose Ruck had the chance to network with other professionals in Genesee, Orleans and Wyoming County to unite and learn about creative decision making skills. A delicious buffet was prepared by the ladies of the Elba Auxiliary.

PARENT EXTRAVAGANZA

Community Action of Orleans &
Genesee HEAD START

On Saturday, April 4, 2009 OCALS participated in Head Start's Parent Extravaganza held at the Albion High School. Parents were able to enjoy free refreshments, learn more about community agencies, network with other parents, and win door prizes. Each workshop provided participants with free "take home" materials. OCALS is grateful to Head Start for their Parent Extravaganza workshops. This event gave us the opportunity to introduce our organization and its' family literacy program. We try to work hand-in-hand with other programs/organizations that deal with parents and young families in meeting their education and literacy needs. Head Start is one of those organizations.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EVENT

OCALS is proud to be partnering with American Red Cross & 35 other organizations and agencies from Orleans County Human Service Council to present **STORM ORLEANS**, a preparedness event for the entire family geared toward teaching the people of Orleans County what to do in the event of a major storm, emergency, or natural disaster.

This event will be available at the 2009 Orleans County Fair. Drawings will be held all week long with great prizes given away. Free gift bags will be available to those who complete passports at all booths, and lots of other fun and interesting things will be going on at this event.

Remember: *Look for STORM ORLEANS at the Orleans County Fair!!*



**Be on the lookout
for:**

***Late Spring
and
Early Summer***

**TUTOR TRAINING
WORKSHOPS...**

For more information call:

Rose Ruck
(585)-746-2614
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(585)-590-1292



March 17, 2009

Re: OCALS Serves as Fiscal Agent for Local Artist

ALBION...OCALS is pleased to announce that it has joined forces with the Rotary Club of Holley to support local artist Stacey Kirby by serving as a fiscal agent for Stacey's public art project. Through a REACH Grant administered by the Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council, Stacey will construct a six-sided mural depicting the "Treasures of Holley." This weather-clad design will feature artwork that not only promotes the positive aspects of this Orleans County village, but will also include hidden clues that allude to Holley's historic past. Visitors and residents alike can view the structure as a work-in-progress beginning in 2009. Some additional work may have to be completed in 2010.

Stacey received \$3,750.00 by a unanimous decision by this year's REACH Grant Panel. Most artists are awarded a portion of their grant request, but Stacey received full funding due to the unique nature of her project, proven work ethic, and willingness to tailor her project to community need. OCALS and the Rotary Club of Holley are proud to support Stacey in this endeavor and we look forward to seeing "Treasures of Holley" for many years to come!

OCALS also extends thanks to the Holley Rotary, who will "assume full responsibility for overseeing and completing the project on behalf of OCALS." For more information about Ms. Kirby, or to view a selection of her murals, visit www.staceykirby.com.

Patricia Hawley



Stacey Kirby

Did you know.....

.....that Holley Library will be applying for a Literacy-Library Grant, and OCALS is collaborating with the library on a family literacy project??

.....that St. Mary/St. Mark has an Annual Yard Sale/Chicken BBQ fundraiser each year on the first weekend in June?? If you're thinking of donating items to charity (tax receipts available!) this would be a good time to do so. They also have St. Rocco's Festival on the first Sunday in September each year. Check out the Bocce Ball tournament at the Festival and look for one of OCALS sponsors, Senator Maziarz, as he likes to participate in this tournament!!

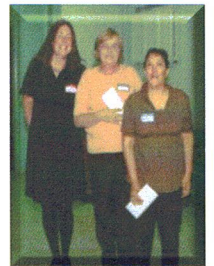


Congratulations to Marcie Rosten and her fiancé, Richard VanEpps on their upcoming wedding, April 17, 2009. Marcie was the guest speaker at OCALS Second Annual Dinner

Meeting, and also serves on our Board as Chair of Adult Learner's Support Group. *OCALS wishes them much happiness!*

Oops...We goofed....

OCALS would like to apologize for errors made in the December '08 edition of the newsletter in the article pertaining to OCALS Second Annual Dinner held on September 25. Not only for the quality of several pictures due to distortion issues, but also for the omission of one picture. We would like to offer our sincerest apologies to those affected by these unintentional errors.



Renee Garnier, "Family Literacy Coordinator", Aldita (Jean) D'Lallo, "Tutor of the Year", Alice Torres, "Adult Learner of the Year"

Awards presented at OCALS Second Annual Dinner Meeting, Sept. 25, 2008.



OCALS THANKS YOU.....

Western United Way:

\$2000 allocation for Family Literacy Program

Curtis Foundation:

\$1150 for laptop computer and printer
David & Peggy Shreck/David & Nelda

Callard/Kathy Bogan:

Gift to Literacy contributions

Holley Rotary:

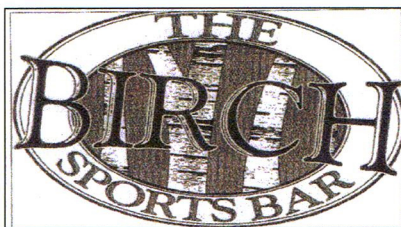
\$250 donation

Terry Novak - \$500 donation

Fran Peglow - \$200 donation

Anonymous - \$500 donation

Arline Nellist/Judy Powers of *JP Design/*
Harold & Joanne Suhr of *The Birch* for:
Chinese Auction Basket contribution

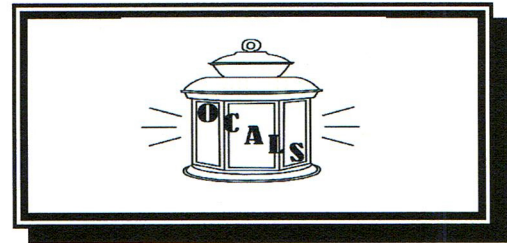


Holley Central School - Promotional materials, newsletter printing

St. Mary/St Mark RC Church - Office space

Orleans County Libraries - Tutoring & workshop space/use of reading materials

Clarendon Town Hall - Printing assistance



LIBRARY

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Our library is located at OCALS headquarters in the Social and Education Center of St Mary/St Mark RC Church. Please call Renee Garnier at (585) 590-1292 if you would like to review or sign out library materials. Some of the materials available are:

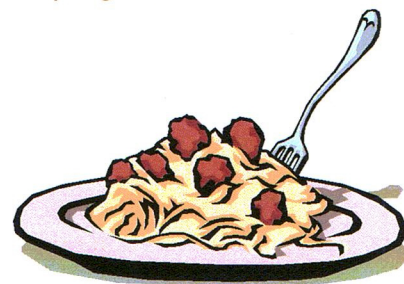
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Reading Level: 0-8

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- Are eager to interact with and expand upon what is in the book
- Read contemporary literature and informational sections
- Enjoy discussing questions as well as answering multiple-choice questions
- Are looking for some structure and assistance but enjoy exploring new ideas.

PLANNING FOR THE FALL.....

OCALS Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



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